

REMARKS

This application has been amended in a manner that is believed to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 53-58 are pending in the application. At this time, applicants note with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that claims 53-58 are allowable.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Official Action rejected claims 39, 42-46, and 52 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as their invention. Claims 39, 42-46 and 52 have been cancelled. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the rejections have been obviated and should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, applicants believe that this application now is in condition for allowance.

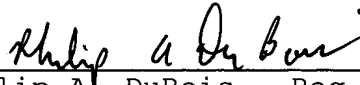
Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner respectfully is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional  
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17

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